

I subscribed to XM Radio about a year ago, and have to say that I really enjoy it a lot. After years of having to put up with radio stations with asinine morning show programming and more commercials than actual music, XM was a real saving grace. It was so great that I didn't ever come to mind paying a subscription fee every month, because I was getting something that I wanted. That, in essence, is the free market, and it really upsets me to know that some lobbyist group is pushing to limit that system for their own interests. I expect that type of operation to occur in more restrictive government types, notably socialist or communist organizations, but the United States doesn't use that sort of system, and it bothers me every time we lean towards doing something that even comes close to that. If a normal broadcast station doesn't like that their customers are leaving for something different, then they need to take a good hard look at their programming offerings and how they run their businesses and fix the problem internally. Having lobbyists push for things to stay the same doesn't contribute to progress; it stifles it. To conclude, I think that satellite radio providers should be allowed to broadcast whatever type of programming they want in the spirit of the free market economy that this country was founded on. Bailing out competitors on the losing end of the spectrum isn't helping any of us out except for the losing competitor, and propping up a failing prospect has never made anything in this country better.